



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Washington, D.C. 22313-1450  
on 7/21/04

Date of Deposit

Justin B. Rand, Reg. No. 48,552

Name of applicant, assignee or  
Registered Representative

Signature

7/21/04

Date of Signature

Our Case No. 5658/729

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Daniel L. Poole, et al.	)	
Serial No. 09/451,580	)	Examiner: James G. Smith
Filing Date: November 30, 1999	)	Group Art Unit No. 3723
For: CLAMP DEVICE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 21, 2004,  
Applicants submit the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.